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INVENTION:	“METHOD AND SWITCHING UNIT FOR COMMUNICATING DATA ACCORDING TO THE ATM PROTOCOL AND THE INTERNET PROTOCOL”

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following references be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED REFERENCES

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| AL | European Patent Application No. 0 530 680 |
| AR | H. Esaki et al., "Reliable IP Multicast Communication over ATM Networks Using Forward Error Correction Policy", IEICE Trans. on Communications, Vol. E78-B, No. 12, December 1995, pp. 1622-1637. |
| AS | D. Saha et al., "A Design for Implementation of the Internet Protocol in a Local ATM Network", IEEE, Serving Humanity Through Communications, Supercom/ICC, New Orleans, May 1-5, 1994, Vol. 3, pp. 1326-1330. |
| AT | G. Parulkar et al., "at ^P m: a Strategy for Integrating IP with ATM", Computer Communication Review, Vol. 25, No. 4, October 1995, pp. 49-55. |

II. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL, AR, AS and AT were cited during earlier PCT examination proceedings. Since references AL, AR, AS and AT are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

5 References AT was also cited for the reasons noted in the Applicants' specification.

None of the above references discloses or suggests a method and switching unit for communicating data according to the ATM protocol and the Internet Protocol as disclosed in the present invention.

10 Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) and no fee is necessary.

15 All claims of the application are patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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